applicants as was possible according to their actual need. The Diwan Peishkar is the final authority to decide the matter of the grant.

**Substituted service of the Nursing Sisters.**

**183. Mr. K. J. Antony.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether one Sister Elizabeth doing duty in the Civil Hospital at Trichur was on leave for some time during the month of Dhanu 1104 ; if so, from which date did she avail herself of leave ;

(2) did the Civil Surgeon make a report that she began absenting herself from Christmas Day, that is, from the 11th Dhanu 1104; if so, whether his report was correct and if not, whether action was taken against him for making an incorrect report ;

(3) was her leave application formally submitted by the Civil Surgeon to the Chief-Medical and Sanitary Officer and previous sanction obtained before she was permitted to leave the Hospital;

(4) when was the first report made by the Civil Surgeon on the matter of Sister Elizabeth's absence from the Civil Hospital and when was her leave application for the first time forwarded to the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer ; is this application written in the very hand-writing of the Civil Surgeon and if so, how did it happen to be in his own hand ; does not the Sister know to write in English ;

(5) during the time Sister Elizabeth was on leave in Dhanu 1104, is leave marked against her name in the attendance register or is she marked as being present on those days; will the Government kindly lay the attendance register of the period on the Table ;

(6) whether it is a fact that the Civil Surgeon allowed another Sister to do duty in the Civil Hospital for and on behalf of Sister Elizabeth during the time the latter first absented herself from the Hospital ; whether the Civil Surgeon had the authority to accept such substituted service on his own score without obtaining previous sanction from the Head of the Department ; if he had not the authority, did he obtain the necessary sanction and if he did not, was the Civil Surgeon taken to task for such gross misconduct on his part ;

(7) has the Civil Surgeon almost made a confession in this connection to the effect that his sheer ignorance of *the C. S. R.* made him commit this series of blunders ?

**Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.**—(1) to (7). The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

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